

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, lines 34 - 36, with the following amended paragraph:

“Fig. 2 illustrates a modified design in which items 7 are intended to be slung beneath a shelf 1 which includes a hook or similar device to hold the items. Again, appropriate shielding can be provided for the antenna 3. Fig. 2 further illustrates a shelf display 20, such as an electronic character display, that would receive information via suitable cable 8 or via wireless transmission. The modified shelf design of Fig. 2, and optionally the shelf display 20, may be connected to a computer system 24 comprising a data processing unit 26 and a database 28, via cable 8, or via wireless transmission, to form an inventory control system. Information regarding the location of items 7 may be passed from RFID tag 6, through cable 8, or via wireless transmission, to computer system 24 for processing by data processing unit 26, and/or storage in or update of database 28. Information for display by shelf display 20 may be sent from computer system 24 via cable 8, or via wireless transmission.”